



FORT LEONARD WOOD RETIREE COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF MEETING 19 AUGUST 2004

Meeting called to order by Co-Chairman, BG Arvid E. West, Jr. USA (Ret) at 0900 hours. CSM Baxter led the council and guests in the pledge of allegiance.

Members present:

BG Arvid E. West, Jr.
CAPT Don W. Marshall
COL James H. Kuhn
COL J. Brian Morrissey
LTC John D. Abshier
LTC Mary Bess
LTC Norbert F. Pohlman
MAJ Wayne A. Strohschein
CSM Harold G. Baxter
CSM Mack E. Williams
CSM Julius Nutter
1SG Wilmetta J. Herbert
1SG Steven Shepard
SR MSG Jeanie V. Kellas
SSG Gerald A. Dawson
SP6 William L. Shy

Members excused:

BG Leigh R. Wilson
COL Marion F. Thurston, Jr., Emeritus
MAJ G. Michael Warren
SFC Joseph P. Krill, Jr.
SFC Donald J. Price
SFC George N. Launius
Spouse Cheryl R. Buckmaster

Members absent:

SGM Don R. Bingham
1SG Olan Payne

MANSCEN Staff

COL J.C. Abney	Garrison Cmd
COL Don Young	MANSCEN C of S
CW2 (Ret) Jesse J. French	AG/MILPO
CSM James H. Chaney	Garrison Cmd

Guest Present:

Tammy Call	DMWR
Wanda Harris	AAFES
Wayne Davison	Retiree
Jan Pohlman	Spouse
Beverly Rowe	MILPO
Darlene Kelley	MILPO
SFC Gail Smith	MILPO
Kitsy McKinnon	MILPO

1. Members were thanked for being present. Guests were introduced and welcomed.
2. A motion was made, second and passed to approve the minutes of the meeting of 29 May 2004.
3. Committee Reports:
 - A. Retiree Assistance – CSM Baxter – currently has 18 active volunteers.
 - B. Health Care Board – 1SG Herbert – will be holding meeting next Thursday.
 - C. Installation Commissary/Post Exchange Advisor Council – COL Morrissey – minutes of the council for 13 August 2004 meeting were presented. Highlights noted were - Commissary renovation update progress was noted. August is anticipated completion date with tentative grand re-opening planned for last week of October; Ground breaking for new Specker Shoppette tentatively planned for October-November. Restocking days were reviewed. Case lot sale days were reviewed. Handicap assistance was reviewed particularly for case lot sales. Sweetwater Barbecue is opening in PX and other food places are in the works.

- D. Morale, Welfare and Recreation Advisory Council – Tammy Call – minutes of their last meeting were presented for information and discussion. Highlighted was the upcoming concert by the Oak Ridge Boys on 12 September; Bowling center re-opening; 25 September Army Soldier Show; their preparations for Retiree Day; and reviewed the additional eateries that are hoped to be opening.
- E. Retiree Council Financial Statement – 1SG Herbert – it was reported that currently the account has \$4,185.05. Note was made of income and expenditures. Motion was made, second and passed to accept the report.
- F. Widowed Support Program –LTC Bess – there is still a problem getting names of newly widowed in a timely fashion. Data is still difficult to obtain. A reminder is that the program is open to those outside the local community and outside of the military. Main focus is still on grief support but also provide referral services for other needs. BG West asked about the data that is supposed to be in a data base now available listing all widows / widowers. Questions were also raised about pharmacy availability for surviving spouses.
- G. Legislative – BG West & CSM Williams– big push for MO tax relief on military pay is continuing. SBP issue is in conference committee. Bill would phase in SBP changes. Emphasized again the need to provide retiree input to legislators, both at state and federal level on subjects we are concerned about like Concurrent Receipt, TriCare and SBP changes since the climate seems to be against retirees.

4. **Area Council Reports:**

- A. Lebanon – SGM Bingham - no report.
- B. Quincy – LTC Pohlman – held a car show with proceeds going to an All Wars Memorial. Indicated area is very concerned about SBP proposed changes. Working on helping elderly who can't drive to get their ID cards renewed.
- C. Springfield – CSM Williams – reported their groups continuing involvement in legislative concerns. Had a representative from Senator Bond and Senator Talent's offices at their last meeting. Also have had representative from the state and city as speakers.
- D. St. Louis – SFC Price – absent.

5. Old Business

- A. RAD Sub-Committee reports – date is 10-11 September. Committee will be meeting following this meeting. Reviewed details to assure all was in order.
 - 1. Dalton Wright will be the speaker.
 - 2. Retiree of the Year – selection was for Richard R. McCauley.
 - 3. Dinner menu – cost set at \$12.70 per person but people will be charged \$10 in advance and \$12 at door.
 - 4. Prizes – reminded council members cannot solicit prizes etc. from business as a retiree council member. Names of willing business can be given to CSM Nutter for him to follow up on.
 - 5. Golf outing was showing good support.
 - 6. All seems to be in order.
- B. Other Old Business – no other items presented.
- C. Issues for Chief of Staff Retiree Council – none presented.

6. New Business

- A. Hospital Commander - reviewed details of the change of command; reviewed mobilization and demobilization activities, trying hard not to have a negative impact on regular services. Spoke about the reconstruction of the main entrance, a new computer system coming in; and impact on hospital services by deployments.
 - B. Col Don Young, MANSCEN Chief of Staff made comments to the council indicating his support and appreciation to the council and his looking forward to his assignment here.
 - D. Fort Leonard Wood community issues – Col Abney reported status on all the gates. West gate hopefully will be opening in October with main gate east and south opening in February. Spoke about the upcoming mobilization mission of 2,400 army personnel. Spoke about the 168 acre Veteran's Cemetery by the west gate.
 - E. BG West reported he is now a member of the State Veterans Commission.
7. Next Scheduled Meeting: Room 2224, Building 470, Community Service Center Building 470, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri at 0900 hours 18 November 2004.

For Arvid E. West CSM, USA (RET)
ARVID E. WEST, JR
BG, USA (RET)
Presiding Co-Chairman